

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 524

BY JUDICIARY, RULES, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FEES; AMENDING SECTION 1-1623, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF MONEYS FOR THE IDAHO STATEWIDE TRIAL COURT AUTOMATED RECORDS SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY FUND; AMENDING SECTION 1-1625, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF MONEYS FOR THE DRUG COURT, MENTAL HEALTH COURT AND FAMILY COURT SERVICES FUND; AMENDING CHAPTER 32, TITLE 31, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31-3201H, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY SURCHARGE FEE AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH FEES INTO CERTAIN FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 1-1623, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

1-1623. IDAHO STATEWIDE TRIAL COURT AUTOMATED RECORDS SYSTEM (ISTARS) TECHNOLOGY FUND. There is hereby created in the office of the state treasurer the ISTARS technology fund. Moneys deposited into the fund pursuant to sections 31-3201, 31-3201A, 31-3201H and 31-3221, Idaho Code, upon appropriation by the legislature, shall be used by the supreme court for the purpose of maintaining, replacing and enhancing the Idaho Statewide Trial Court Automated Records System (ISTARS) program, and other technologies that assist in the efficient management of the courts, including a system for payments by credit card or debit card as provided in section 31-3221, Idaho Code, or that improve access to the courts and court records. The ISTARS technology fund shall be separate and distinct from the state general fund, and expenditures from the ISTARS technology fund shall be solely dedicated to the purposes set forth in this section. Moneys deposited into the fund may be allowed to accumulate from year to year for designated maintenance, replacement, extension or enhancement of the ISTARS program and for other technologies that assist in the efficient management of the courts. Interest earned on the investment of idle moneys in the ISTARS technology fund shall be returned to the ISTARS technology fund.

SECTION 2. That Section 1-1625, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

1-1625. DRUG COURT, MENTAL HEALTH COURT AND FAMILY COURT SERVICES FUND. There is hereby created in the office of the state treasurer a special fund to be known as the drug court, mental health court and family court services fund. Moneys deposited into the fund pursuant to sections 19-4705, ~~and 23-217~~ and 31-3201H, Idaho Code, subject to appropriation by the legislature, shall be used by the supreme court for the operations of drug courts and mental health courts, including drug testing, substance

1 abuse treatment and supervision, mental health assessment, treatment and  
2 supervision, and related court programs, as provided in chapter 56, title  
3 19, Idaho Code, for the purpose of assisting children and families in the  
4 courts, as provided in chapter 14, title 32, Idaho Code, and for other court  
5 services as provided by statute.

6 SECTION 3. That Chapter 32, Title 31, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and  
8 designated as Section 31-3201H, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 31-3201H. EMERGENCY SURCHARGE FEE. The court shall charge an  
10 emergency surcharge fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to be paid by each  
11 defendant for each criminal offense or infraction, committed on or after  
12 April 15, 2010, and before or on June 30, 2013, for which the defendant  
13 is found guilty or pleads guilty. Such fee shall be in addition to all  
14 other fines and fees levied. The fee shall be collected by the clerk of  
15 the district court and shall be paid to the county treasurer, who shall,  
16 within five (5) days after the end of the month, pay such fees to the state  
17 treasurer, who shall deposit eighty percent (80%) of such fees in the drug  
18 court, mental health court and family court services fund created by section  
19 1-1625, Idaho Code, and twenty percent (20%) of such fees in the Idaho  
20 statewide trial court automated records system (ISTARS) technology fund  
21 created by section 1-1623, Idaho Code.

22 SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
23 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its  
24 passage and approval.